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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN DEPORTED FROM BOTSWANA

1. ACCORDING SA PRESS, GODFREY BECK, SOUTH AFRICAN COLORED POLITICAL REFUGEE, WAS DEPORTED WITH HIS FAMILY FROM BOTSWANA APRIL 2 AND NOW REPORTEDLY IS IN CUSTODY SA POLICE IN JOHANNESBURG. BECK, WHO HAD BEEN BANNED UNDER SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT IN 19 65, ESCAPED TO BOTSWANA IN 1968 AND WAS GIVEN REFUGEE STATUS. HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN JOINED HIM LATER. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS SAY HE HAD BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF DISPUTES WITH BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT AND FORMER UN COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

2. SPOKESMAN FOR OFFICE OF PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA SAID BECK HAD FREQUENTLY BEEN WARNED THAT HE MIGHT BE DEPORTED AND FINALLY WAS " FOR SECURITY REASONS." MRS. BECK HAS DENIED THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN WARNED. SA AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT ACKNOWLEDGED BECK BEING HELD, BUT MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY SAY HE BEING HELD BY SECURITY POLICE IN JOHANNESBURG.
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